property for India are as follows :

Eastern	185
Western	10
Southern	5
Northern	412
TOTAL	612

(c) Regionwise number of cases and disputes involving court cases resolved in last 3 years are as follows :

Eastern	10
Western	2
Southern	..
Northern	..
TOTAL	12

Purchases made by DGS&D

7387. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the total amount of purchases made by the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals during the last three years and out of which how much goods had been purchased from Southern and North-Eastern states ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : Value of orders placed by the DGS&D during last three years and the value of orders placed on the suppliers located in Southern and North-Eastern tone during these years are indicated below :

Year	Value of total orders placed (In crores of Rs.)	Value of orders placed on suppliers in Southern Zone (In crores of Rs.)	Value of orders placed on suppliers in North-Eastern Zone (In crores of Rs.)
1991-92	3501.40	402.83	47.50
1992-93	3271.13	359.82	22.80
1993-94 (Provisional)	2443.16	176.34	33.38

Effect of disntegration on U.S.S.R. on Tea expert

7388. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the volume and value of Tea export affected by the disintegration of the former U.S.S.R. ; and

(b) the action taken to jnake good the loss due to the reason mentioned above ?

THE MINISTER OF COM^ MERGE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) Exports of tea^frorti India to erstwhile USS.R and CIS countries including Russia during the past 3 years have been as under:—

Year	Exports	
	Qty. (M.Kg.)	Value (Rs. crores)
1991*	106.5	565.32
1992**	46.51	241.18
1993** (Estimated)	78.41	474.82

*In respect of erstwhile USSR
**In respect of Russia & other C.S countries.

(b) In order to increase exports of tea to Russia and other CIS countries, an office of tea Board has been set up at Moscow. Promotional campaign for Indian tea in Russia & other CIS countries through media (television & press), tea sampling demonstrations, participation in consumer exhibitions etc. have been planned by Tea Board. Efforts are also being made to increase exports of Indian tea to other countries in Europe, WANA region, USA etc. through promotional programmes.

नेपाल को गेहूं और चावल का निर्यात किया जाना

7389. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने नेपाल को भारी मात्रा में गेहूं और चावल सप्लाई करने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां; तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इससे कुल कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित होने की संभावना है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रण्व मुखर्जी (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Amendment in Patent Law

7390. SHRI V. NARAYANA-SAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the existing patent law by increasing the patent period from 14 to 20 years ; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to bring forward a legislation ill this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) and (b) An Expert Group is being set up by the Government to consider the changes required in the Patents Act, 1970 in conformity with the Uruguay Round Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. Suitable legislation to amend the Act will be considered after the Group submits its report.

Import of Oilseeds

7391. DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of oilseeds that were imported during 1993-94 along-with the names of the countries and quantities of imported oilseeds;

(b) the total production of oilseeds in the country during this period; and

(c) the exact policy of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) Quantity of oilseeds imported during 1993-94 (upto January, 1994) was 93,000 tonnes (ap-prox.)

The import of oilseeds was made from USA, Malaysia, Singapore, Guinea, Srilanka, Thailand, Nepal, Argentina, France,German Fed. Rep. Japan, UK, Costa Rica, Guyana and Brazil

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta. Figures are provisional).

(b) According to present assessment the production of nine oilseeds, viz. Groundnut, Castorseed, Seasamum, Nigerseed, Rapeseed & Mustard, Lineseed, Safflower, Sunflower and Soyabean during 1993-94 is expected to be about 21.85 million tonnes.